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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, please consider the following discussion regarding the above-identified application:

The **Amendments to the Claims** are included in the **Listing of the Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.